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REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the period for responding to the Requirement for Restriction dated November 13, 2000, now set to expire on December 13, 2000, be extended by two (2) months, so as to expire on February 13, 2001.

As Applicant is associated with a small entity, enclosed is a check in the amount of \$195.00 to cover the two-month extension herein requested. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any deficiencies or to credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 11-1153, and accordingly, this Request is submitted in duplicate.

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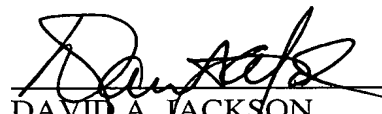
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Favorable action on this Request for Extension of Time is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Jackson", written over a horizontal line.

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